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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

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Sir:

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The Applicants acknowledge the receipt of the Final Office Action ("the Action") mailed on December 3, 2002 (Paper No. 13), which has been carefully reviewed and studied. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the following amendments and remarks. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. In order to facilitate the Examiner's evaluation of the application, Applicants have attempted to address the objections and rejections in Paper No.13 in the same order in which they were originally raised.

A Petition for an Extension of Time of two months to and including May 3, 2003, which falls on a Saturday, and is therefore extended until May 5, 2003 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.7, and authorization to deduct the fee as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) from Applicants' Deposit Account are included. The response is thus timely filed. Applicants believe no fees in addition to the fee for the extension of time are due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0892.

AMENDMENT

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 4-5, as drawn to a non-elected invention.